
EFFECTIVE

November 1, 2019.

Subject(s)

1. Asset limits.
2. Verification requirements.
3. Lottery Match.
Miscellaneous.

1) Asset Limits**FIP, SDA, RCA****BEM 400**

There is a \$15,000 or less asset limit for cash, investments and retirement plans. The real property asset limit for the cash programs remains \$200,000.

FAP

There is a \$15,000 or less asset limit. Vehicles are now an excluded asset.

Reason: MDHHS executive directive.

2) Verification Requirements**FIP, SDA, RCA and FAP**

If questionable, verify countable assets at application, semi-annual, mid-certification, redetermination and when a change is reported. Examples include, but are not limited to, recent program closure or denial due to excess assets and a new application is received with an asset balance now under the asset limit, or the client is reporting that they are close to the asset limit.

Example: Aaron applies for cash and FAP. Aaron's total liquid assets are close to the asset limit. The specialist determines during a conversation with the client the amount reported is questionable. Verification of the assets is requested.

Exception 1: Client statement is not an acceptable verification for trusts and annuities.

Exception 2: Client statement is not an acceptable verification for asset detection unless previously reported.

Exception 3: For FAP, client statement is not an acceptable verification for asset transfers/divestment.

If questionable, verify the following factors affecting exclusion of an asset at application, redetermination, and when a change is reported:

- An asset is not available.
- Joint ownership prevents sale (other owner refuses to sell).
- There is a written agreement to repair/replace a damaged or destroyed homestead (cash exclusion for FIP, SDA and RCA).
- There is a written agreement to purchase another homestead.
- The asset is a bona fide loan.

Reason: MDHHS Executive Directive.

3) Lottery Match

FIP and SDA

BAM 809

If winnings are \$15,000 or less, send a verification request to determine if the client is over the asset level.

If winnings are over \$15,000, take appropriate action to close the case; clients are allowed timely notice.

FAP

Change Reporters and Simplified Reporters.

If winnings are \$15,000 or less, send a verification checklist request to determine if the client is over the asset level.

If winnings are over \$15,000, take appropriate action to close the case; clients must be given timely notice.

Reason: Change in asset limit.

4) Miscellaneous**FAP****BEM 406**

Divestment examples were updated to accommodate the new asset limit.

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